



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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APPLICANT: Yuji Takaoka, et al. ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 09792909-4794
SERIAL NO. 09/816,055 GROUP ART UNIT: 2813
FILING DATE: March 23, 2001 EXAMINER: N. Berezny
INVENTION: "SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND PROCESS FOR
FABRICATING THE SAME"

AMENDMENT "A"

Asst. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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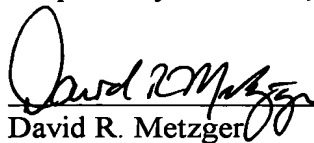
This amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated January 9, 2002.
Please reconsider the application in view of the amendment and remarks presented below.

ELECTION OF CLAIMS

In the Office Action, the examiner requested an election of species pursuant to a
restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 between Group I device claims 1-16 and Group
II method claims 17-21.

In response, applicant hereby elects examination of Group I claims 1-16.

Respectfully submitted,



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Washington D.C. 2023
SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ No additional claim fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS		MINUS			() X 9.00 () X 18.00	
INDEP. CLAIMS		MINUS			() X 39.00 () X 78.00	
Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.				() YES () NO	() \$130.00 () \$260.00 ONE TIME	
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$0.00	

* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5

** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20 write "20" in this space.

- ☒ Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend this time for response to the Office Action dated January 9, 2002 for one month(s) so that the period for response is extended to March 9, 2002. A check in the amount of \$ 110.00 to cover the one-month extension fee is enclosed. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to deposit account No. 19-3140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ is attached to cover the additional claim fee.
- ☐ A check for \$ accompanying attached Terminal Disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. §1.321.
- ☐ A check for \$ for Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.312(b) is attached.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the extension fee and any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 19-3140. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.
- When phoning re this application, please call 312/876-8000 - Ext. 12578.

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on February 21, 2002.

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